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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISSA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 24, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DARRELL E. ISSA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Eternal Father, strong to save, a Nation at war gathers with the Members of the House of Representatives and the President of these United States as we pray: "Thy Kingdom come."

In all we do and in all we intend as individuals and as a people: "Thy Kingdom come."

To seek such a noble purpose and to be so disposed both in mind and heart, can only begin by divine grace within the soul. And so, there we pray: "Thy Kingdom come."

As we pray for the protection of Your people across this beloved homeland and for our troops across the world: "Thy Kingdom come."

As we mourn those killed in Kuwait and Iraq in recent days, we pray for their families and their comrades: "Thy Kingdom come" to them and to all veterans and victims of war.

In all endeavors to ensure equal justice for all and achieve lasting peace in families and the community of nations: "Thy Kingdom come" now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Speaker pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 205. An act to authorize the issuance of immigrant visas to, and the admission to the United States for permanent residence of, certain scientists, engineers, and technicians who have worked in Iraqi weapons of mass destruction programs.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 21, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of

the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 21, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a 6-month periodic report in accordance with 50 USC 1641(c) and 50 USC 1703(c) on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in EO 13224 of September 23, 2001.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,
GERASIMOS C. VANS,
Assistant to the Clerk.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO TERRORISM—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-52)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith the 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 21, 2003.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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